Agreement between KVIC and IIT Delhi

3714. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that KVIC and IIT, Delhi, have entered into an agreement to boost KVIC;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement;

(c) when the agreement has been entered into between KVIC and IIT, Delhi; and

(d) the innovative strategy adopted by KVIC with the help of IIT, Delhi, to promote Khadi and Village Industries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMAHABIR PRASAD) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) entered into an agreement with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), New Delhi for revamping the Jamnalal Bajaj Central Research Institute (JBCRI), Wardha, Maharashtra and to develop it into a national level institute for rural industrialization, called 'Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Rural Industrialisation' (MGIRI).

(c) The agreement between KVIC and IIT, New Delhi was entered into on 16 April 2001.

(d) The salient features of the strategy adopted by the KVIC with the help of IIT, New Delhi to promote khadi and village industries in the country include research and extension work in the field of khadi and village industries, development of standards for khadi and village industry (KVI) projects, organising training/extension programmes based on pilot/field level trials of various innovations, setting up interfaces with technical institutes of repute in the country, monitoring of existing technical interfaces established with 13 national level technical institutes identified to work in different geographical zones, etc.

Funds for rural employment generation programme

3715. SHRI T.T.V DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RU RAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated during the last three years for implementing Rural Employment Generation Programme through Khadi and Village Industries Commission, State-wise;